

ization of the light reflected from the spatial light modulator 120, thereby more efficiently branching the incident light and the emission light.

[0060] A reflection member 113 may be between the light source 111 and the light brancher 130. The reflection member 113 may be a total reflection prism or a mirror. The reflection member 113 may be provided for an appropriate layout of optical members such as the light source 111, etc. in a limited space of the housing 190.

[0061] The relay optical system 140 may be a modified 4 f optical system that expands or reduces and transfers the image of the hologram wavefront generated by the spatial light modulator 120.

[0062] With further reference to FIG. 3, as an example, the relay optical system 140 may include a first relay lens 141, e.g., a first optical element, having a first focal distance f1 and a second relay lens 143, e.g., a second optical element, having a second focal distance f2. The first relay lens 141 may be provided such that the modulating surface 12 of the spatial light modulator 120 is positioned at a location of the first focal distance f1 on a side of an incident surface 14 of the first relay lens 141 or near the location of the first focal distance f1 on the side of the incident surface 14. The second relay lens 143 may be provided such that the second focal distance f2 on a side of an incident surface 16 of the second relay lens 143 is positioned at a location of the first focal distance f1 on a side of an emission surface 18 of the first relay lens 141 or near the location of first focal distance f1 on the side of the emission surface 18. According to an optical layout of the relay optical system 140, the image of the hologram wavefront generated on the modulating surface of the spatial light modulator 120 may be imaged at the second focal distance f2 on a side of an emission surface 20 of the second relay lens 143. The image of the hologram wavefront imaged by the relay optical system 140 is referred to as an imaged spatial light modulation (SLM) 172.

[0063] The first focal distance f1 may be different from the second focal distance f2. For example, the second focal distance f2 may be larger than the first focal distance f1, thereby the relay optical system 140 may expand the imaged SLM 172. Alternatively, the first focal distance f1 may be larger than the second focal distance f2, thereby the relay optical system 140 may reduce the imaged SLM 172. As described below, since a size of the imaged SLM 172 is in proportion to a viewing angle (VA), the VA may be changed by expanding or reducing the imaged SLM 172.

[0064] The noise removal filter 150 may be provided at a location where the first focal distance f1 on the side of the emission surface of the first relay lens 141 and the second focal distance f2 on a side of the incident surface of the second relay lens 143 overlap each other or near the location. The noise removal filter 150 may be, for example, a pin hole. The noise removal filter 150 may be placed at the first focal distance f1 of the first relay lens 141 of the relay optical system 140 and may block light except light of a desired diffraction order, thereby removing noise such as a diffraction pattern or multiplex diffraction due to a pixel structure of the spatial light modulator 120.

[0065] As described above, the image of the hologram wavefront formed on the modulating surface of the spatial light modulator 120 may form the imaged SLM 172 by the relay optical system 140. The field lens 170 may focus the imaged SLM 172 in front of the pupils 13 of the user 10 to form the viewing window in front of the pupils 13 of the user

10. The viewing window may be understood as a space for the user 10 to see the hologram image.

[0066] The light path converter 180 may be a beam splitter that reflects the diffraction light transferred from the relay optical system 140 and allows the external light Lo to be transmitted therethrough. The light path converter 180 may be disposed where a light beam incident on and transmitted through a first incident surface 180a is reflected from a beam separation film 181 located inside the light path converter 180 and is emitted to an emission surface 180c, and a light beam Lo incident on and transmitted through a second incident surface 180b transmits through the beam separation film 181 and is emitted to the first emission surface 180c.

[0067] As an example, the beam separation film 181 may be a half mirror. In this case, the light emitted by the light source unit 110 does not need to be a polarized light.

[0068] As another example, when the light emitted by the light source unit 110 has polarization, the beam separation film 181 of the light path converter 180 may be a polarization selective reflection film. If a polarization direction of the light beam incident on the first incident surface 180a is a first polarization direction, and a polarization direction orthogonal to the first polarization direction is a second polarization direction, the beam separation film 181 may have polarization selectivity so that light having the first polarization direction is reflected, and light having the second polarization direction is transmitted. Since the external light Lo has both a first polarization component and a second polarization component, if the beam separation film 181 has the polarization selectivity, only the second polarization component included in the external light Lo incident on the second incident surface 180b may be transmitted through the beam separation film 181 and may reach the pupils 13 of the user's eyes 11.

[0069] The first incident surface 180a of the light path converter 180 may be adjacent to the field lens 170. The emission surface 180c of the light path converter 180 may be adjacent to the pupils 13 of the user's eyes 11.

[0070] The light path converter 180 may be an example of an optical member that changes at least one of a path of the diffraction light of the hologram image transferred from the relay optical system 140 and a path of the external light Lo and transfers the diffraction light and the external light Lo to the same region (i.e., the pupils 13 of the user's eyes 11).

[0071] As described above, the see-through holographic display apparatus 100 according to an exemplary embodiment may be the wearable apparatus worn on the head of the user 10, and thus the housing 190 may have a shape of one-eye glasses that may be a device closely mounted on an eye of the user 10, on a side of a face from an eye to an ear, or may have a shape attached to one of the lenses of glasses.

[0072] For example, the housing 190 may include a first housing portion 190A adjacent to an ear, a bent portion 190B, and a second housing portion 190C adjacent to the eye 11. The first housing portion 190A, the bent portion 190B, and the second housing portion 190C may be integrally formed but are not limited thereto. The first housing portion 190A may be provided with, for example, the light source unit 110, the spatial light modulator 120, the light brancher 130, the relay optical system 140, and the noise removal filter 150. The second housing portion 190C may be provided with, for example, the field lens 170 and the light path converter 180. The bent portion 190B may be provided with a reflection member 160 such as a total reflection prism